



Newsletter Issue 2, July 2013

Project Update

The Red Wing Bridge Project that began in December 2011 is on schedule for a preferred alternative selection late 2013 or early 2014. As indicated on the right, the project team has been hard at work over the past year developing and evaluating various improvement scenarios, while engaging the public, technical and project advisory committees, and agency stakeholders.

The Highway 63 (Eisenhower) Bridge over the Mississippi River is nearing the end of its design life and needs to be replaced or rehabilitated. The Highway 63 Bridge over Highway 61 is also part of this project due to its condition and because of its relationship to the river bridge. The primary purpose of the project is to provide structurally sound bridge crossings of the Mississippi River Main Channel and Highway 61.

The rehabilitation/replacement of the Red Wing bridges is scheduled to begin in 2018. MnDOT is currently in the environmental studies/preliminary design phase.

The following components were initially considered:

- Rehabilitation and replacement options for the Highway 63 Bridge over the Mississippi River
- Rehabilitation and replacement options for the Highway 63 Bridge over Highway 61
- Improvement of approach roadways
- Bicycle/pedestrian trail options on the bridge

Stakeholder and public involvement will continue to be integral to the preliminary design and environmental documentation process, scheduled through mid-2014.

What Has Happened Since the Last Newsletter?

- **Held Public Open House #1 – April 12, 2012**
- **Held Listening Session #1 – May 17, 2012**
- **Completed the New Bridge Location Feasibility Assessment Memo**
- **Completed the Traffic Forecast and Operations Analysis**
- **Completed the Approach Roadways Concept Development and Screening Memo**
- **Held Listening Session #2 and the Bluff Neighborhood Meeting – Sept. 20, 2012**
- **Completed the River Crossing New Structures Alternatives Memo**
- **Held Listening Session #3 – Feb. 21, 2013**
- **Made Several Decisions Regarding How to Proceed with the River Crossing (details to be provided at the meeting)**

See "Documents" tab on Project Website for these materials.

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Public Involvement

Get Involved. Stay Involved.

We encourage your participation, input and questions throughout the project development process. We will hold three public open house meetings through early 2014.

Email Updates

Staying informed is easy with automatic email updates. You can have newsletters, meeting notices and study updates sent directly to your email inbox. To sign up, just type mndot.gov into your internet browser, scroll down the page then click on the "Email Updates" button and follow the instructions.

Please Consider Attending the Second Open House Scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, July 25

Time: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
(Presentation @ 5 p.m.)

Location: Red Wing Public Library, Foot Room (225 East Ave., Red Wing, 55066)

Exhibits will be available for review and staff will be present to answer questions and hear your comments.

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Public Open House Scheduled for July 25th

MnDOT staff, consultants and local representatives will host an open house to introduce the project, answer your questions, and receive your comments and input.

The open house is scheduled for **Thursday, July 25** from **4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** at the **Red Wing Public Library** located at **225 East Avenue** in **Red Wing**. You can show up any time, and a presentation will be given at **5 p.m.**

The meeting is a great opportunity to learn about the project, key issues, provide feedback and get more information on how to get involved. We are interested in hearing your issues, concerns, and suggestions.

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More Information Can Be Found On The Project Website:

www.mndot.gov/d6/projects/redwing-bridge/index.html

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